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CONCERT OF THE POWERS SEEMS TO BE FALLING TO PIECES.

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Constantinople, March 26.-It is asserted here to-night on what is regarded as reliable authority that, in consequence of the refusal of Lord Salisbury to join in a blockade of Greek ports. Germany has given no tice to the powers of her intention to with draw from the concert.

It is understood that Turkey sent her

squadron through the Dardanelles on advice of Germany. London, March 27 .- A dispatch to the

Times from Athens says that the royal decree appointing the Crown Prince Con-stantine to the command of the army on the Thessaly frontier was published yesterday (Friday).

A dispatch from the Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent says that the crown prince will start to assume his command this (Saturday) evening at 7 o'clock, going sea to Volo, and thence by rallway. The crown princess will accompany him as far as Larissa, where she will inspect the arrangements made by the Red Cross So-She will remain there two days and then return to Athens. In order to avoid popular demonstrations, this proclamation has not been published at Athens.

A dispatch to the Times from Canea says there is no doubt that the Christians have attacked the Turks because driven to desperation by the blockade. A similar pro-test against European partiality for the Turks is probable along the whole insur-gent line. Throughout the island the Mohammedans think they may do what they like now, because they have European backing. In all directions they are pillaging and burning the property of Christians. The Times correspondent at Salonica says that a Turkish merchantman has arrived there with torpedoes, which are being laid

The Athens correspondent of the Daily

The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "It is madness for the powers to suppose that Greece, in order to form a neutral zone, will withdraw 60,000 eager troops to a region without barracks, stores or military base of any kind, and there rest caimly while the powers work out their pleasure in Crete."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Vicinia says the Austrian foreign office has proposed to extend the blockade along the entire Greek coast, with special stringency at the Piracus and the guifs of Volo, Corinth and Arta. England, having abandoned the condition that Turkey and direcce must be asked to withdraw their troops from the Thessalian frontier, will be content, it is assumed by the Austrian foreign office, if the admirals to arrange the blockade as to spare the susceptibilities of certain powers.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Rome says the powers have directed not to con-suit Greecs on the details of autonomy for Crete. Instructions have been sent to the the blockade to Greek ports if they deem it

the blockade to Greek ports it they decided in eccessary. March 25.—The bombardment of Malaxa has produced a painful impression here. The newspapers are filled with indignant protests. The Cretan delegates in Athens have published a pamphlet in English, protesting against autonomy and declare that they prefer the Ottoman yoke, just as they did after the failure of the insurrection in 1868. The pamphlet closes insurrection in 1866. The pamphlet closes

with the declaration:

The Cretans will die, if necessary, for the sake of the cause of union with M. Skouzes, Greek minister of foreign at-

M. Skouzes, Greek minister of foreign at-fairs, sent the following communication to the powers on March 21:

"I have the honor to acknowledge your note of the 18th inst., wherein you inform me that Crete will be placed in a state of blockade from to-day. A notice of that fact has been given to the shipping inter-ests which it concerns. Nevertheless, as, owing to the blockade, it will be henceforth impossibile to import cereals into Crete, owing to the blockade, it will be henceforth impossible to import cereals into Crete, wherens, the population of the island has always obtained its provisions from the cutside, it is my duty, having regard to the ties which bind the Greek nation to the Cretan population, to bring these considerations to your notice, foreseeing, as I do, consequences which may arise and which may not correspond with the sentiments of humanity which animate the governments of the powers.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The members of the diplomatic corps here now greatly

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The members of the diplomatic corps here now greatly apprehended serious complications in Macedonia, which will jeopardize the peace of Europe.

Although recognizing that the chief danger lies in that direction, the proposal of Great Britain to establish a neutral zone on the Greek frontier is regarded as in efficacious and impracticable. It is urged here that it would be preferable to accelerate the pacification of Crete by immediately blockading the coast of Greece and thus nlp in the bud the development of Complications in Macedonia.

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Canea, Island of Crete, March 26.—A company of 139 Russian riflemen from Odessa lended here this morning.

Pighting has been going on all day around Tiskalaria, Nerokeuru and Daxan. The Greeks in the blockhouse at Malaxa are said to have fired on the Turkish fleet in Suda bay. Rami Pasha, the Turkish admiral, landed this afternoon with a quantity of munitions of war.

The Christians tried to build earthworks on the hills above Malaxa, but they were bombarded by the foreign warships. In addition to continuing the work of burning the Dirachos, and have begun to bombard the fortress of Butounaria, which protects the springs supplying Canea with water.

The Insurgecults are estimated to have lost 200 men in the fighting around Malaxa.

It is understood here that the admirals here invited the Turkish commander to reoccupy Malaxa under the protection of the International fleet, with the promise to shell the insurgents should they attack him. But the commander declined to make the attempt, on the ground that his troops are too much demoralized.

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Malaxa is outside the neutral zone but if
the admirals had asked that the Turks be
allowed to withdraw they would not have

GOING HOME TO FIGHT.

One Hundred and Fifty Greeks Are to Sail From New York To-day.

New York, March 26.-On board the French line ship Campagne, which will sail to-morrow for Europe, are 150 Greeks who are going home to fight against Turkey, if called upon. They were given an enthusi-astic farewell by their compatriots in this city. They assembled at 8 o'clock at the Farthenon restaurant, where Rev. Father Agathadoris, in full vestments, repeated the ancient Greek war prayer. Three Greeks made stirring speeches, which were fre-quently interrupted with cries of "Ziia!" (burrah), and each speaker at the close of his address called for cheers for King George. called upon. They were given an enthusi-

his address called for cheers for George.

The speeches over, the Greek and United States flags, which had been floating above the door of the restairant, were taken down and carried at the head of a procession which formed in Boosevelt street. Then, with band playing colors flying, and the populace cheering, the volunteers, followed by 80 Greeks, who are not yet ready to leave for the front, marched through various streets to the French line pier.

Whisky to Be Higher.

Cipcinnati, O., March E.-At an informal meeting of distillers and wholesale whisky dealers here to-day, it was unanimously agreed to advance the price of spirits in a few days.

EX-ALDERMAN INDICTED.

Chicago Real Estate Agent Accused of Defrauding Two San Francisco Clients.

Chicago, March 26.-Ex-Alderman Frank C. Vierling, a real estate agent having an office at 115 Dearborn street, was indicted during the afternoon on two charges o embezzlement. In one case \$8,400 was involved, \$1,000 being the sum mentioned in volved, \$1,000 being the sum mentioned in the other. The complaining witnesses were George Kleinforge and Charles Stoze, of San Francisco. According to their testi-mony, they own property on Kandolph street, near State, and for a number of years ex-Alderman Vierling has had the management of it. It is alleged that he converted to his own use money which he represented had been expended for taxes and repairs.

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In 18% he credited himself with \$4.700, it is alleged, which he said had been paid for taxes. The witnesses told the grand jury that no taxes had been paid at all on the property last year and that they discovered the property had been sold for non-payment of taxes.

In another instance, it was alleged that Vierling induced the witnesses to send him \$1.900 for the payment of more taxes. This money, so the witnesses declared, Vierling put in his own pocket.

PHOTOGRAPHERS IN TROUBLE. Arrested for Collecting Money for Photographs That Never

Were Delivered. Secalia, Mo., March 26 .- (Special.) J. G. and W. A. Speake, formerly proprietors of the Elite photograph studio in this city, were arrested at Knobhoster to-day by sheriff A. F. Prussing, of Benton county Sheriff A. F. Prussing, of Benton county, on the charge of obtaining money by faise pretenses. It is alleged that the Speake brothers located in Warsaw in February, and advertised to do work at half the price charged in other towns, but demanded cash in advance, promising to send the linished photographs by mall to their Warsaw patrons. They did a large business, took in a large amount of money, but failed to send the photographs. The Speake brothers passed through here this afternoon in charge of the sheriff. They deny any intention of defrauding the Warsaw people, but it is said they practiced the same game at Lamonte recently.

PREACHER GUILTY OF LIBEL. Rev. Silas C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, Convicted of Publish-

ing Unfounded Charges. Harrisburg, Pa., March 26.-Rev. Dr. Silas Swallow, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, has been found guilty of criminal libel in the suit brought by Captain nal fiber in the suit brought by Captain
John C. Delaney, superintendent of public
buildings and grounds. Counsel for the defense moved for a new trial, and was given
ten days within which to file their reasons.
Dr. Swallow, through the medium of his
paper, charged that Captain Delaney had
been given presents by different contractors
to whom he had given contracts.

BENDERS FOUND AGAIN. Ohio Detective Positive That He Has the Famous Kansas Murderers Located.

Chillicothe, O., March 25.-Detective George W. Caldwell makes the startling statement that Kate and Jake Bender, two members of the notorious family who mur-dered nine people near Independence, Kas., over twenty years ago, are now hiding in

his county. He has them located and will arrest them is soon as he hears from the authorities

Belgium Murder Trial Ended.

Brussels, March 26.-The trial of Courteols, a former commissary of police; De-yos, a coal merchant, and Restiaux, a gas-Iss, of Baroness Herry, a wealthy widow of good position, who was found strangled in her bed at her residence in this city, ended to day. Courtieols and Restiaux were sentenced to death and Devos was

A Soldier Counterfeiter.

Wichita, Kas., March 26.—(Special.) The sheriff of Garfield county, O. T., to-day captured a soldier named J. Gordan, wanted for counterfeiting. The soldier belongs at El Reno, and was on his way to Kansas. Several bogus dollars and molds for making them were found in his possession, and he admitted that he had been engaged in counterfeiting.

Maysville, Ky., March 25.—Near Mount Gliead, in this county, this morning, Amos Riggs shot and killed young Boyd and his father, W. R. Boyd. A few days ago young Boyd ran off with one of Briggs' daughters and of with one of Briggs' daughters and a family quarrel ensued. It is reported that Riggs hid in a fence corner with a shotgun and killed them as they rode by.

Body Snatchers Sentenced.

Topeka, Kas., March 26.—(Special.) Marcus A. Lowe and S. A. Johnson, the two men convicted in the Topeka grave robbers cases at Alma recently, have been sen-tenced. Lowe was convicted of body steal-

aptured the Liverpool Grand Nation al, the Big Steeplechase

of the Year.

At the First Cumberland Presbyterian that be serving shift of genter Butler, the Australian murderer, to the agents of the British government. Two men will watch the murderer day and night until he sails on the Mariposa on April 1 for Australia. The Australian detectives fear suicide.

St. Paul Banker Arrested.

St. Paul. Minn., March 26.—William F. Bickel, vice president and manager of the defunct Savings bank, was arrested late this afternoon under an indictment charging him with grand larceny in that he accepted as a deposit the sum of \$288 from Huldah Peterson, entering it on her pass book, but not in the bank's books.

Admits Defrauding the City. Baltimore, March 25.—Mayor Hooper to-day summarily removed Dr. G. Welling Bryant, colored, from the office of street commissioner, upon the charge of defraud-ing the city, which charge, it is said, Bryant has admitted to be true. The arcunt involved is said to be about \$5,000. Bryant came here from Ohlo.

Kansan Accused of Embezzlement. Marion, Kas., March 26,-(Special.) War-

Oklahoma Boy Burglars.

Perry, O. T., March 26.—(Special,) Offi-cers have arrested half a dozen boys, aged from 10 to 15. for burglary. They have con-fessed to several robberies which amount to hundreds of dollars at Purcell and along the Santa Fe line. It seems to have been a well organized band of twelve or fifteen.

Oklahomans Fight With Knives. Perry, O. T., March 26,—(Special.) James Whitcomb and Chess Russell became in-volved in a quarrel east of here last night over cattle and fought with knilves. Rus-sell is fatally hurt, While Whitcomb is se-

Fatal Indiana Fight.

Plymouth, Ind., March 35.—During a fight at Lapase last night between Jacob Leeds and Blanchard Thomas, Leeds was fatally stabled and Thomas was shot and instant-ly killed.

Rishon Potter as Arbitrator New York March 26 -The board of watting delegates has decided to accept the invitation of Bishop Potter to arbitrate the difficulty between the Steamfitters' Union and Plumbers' Union.

WILL NOT ABOLISH THE FORT SCOTT POLICE BOARD.

WILL APPOINT A NEW BOARD.

J. P. ROBENS, J. W. BOWLUS AND W. D. LOWERY SELECTED.

Stock Yards Company Gets Another Injunction Against Itself-Hanna Bill Goes Into Effect-John Martin Has No Kick Coming.

Topeka, Kas., March 26.-(Special.) As predicted in to-day's Journal, Governor mulgated from Port Arthur abolishing the Fort Scott police department, and stated emphatically that he would appoint a new board for that city on April 1, when all boards are to be reappointed.

The two factions, at a conference to-day, agreed upon the following board: J. P. Robens, free silver Republican, president; J. W. Bowius, Populist, secretary; W. D. Lowery, Democrat. The two first named members belong to the Galloway-Williams faction, while Lowery represents the Boyle-Shepherd-Dillard crowd. Governor Leedy promised both sides faithfully to-night that he would appoint

Galloway, who is the only Populist that has so far dared to issue an ulfimatum to Leedy, is about the happiest man in Kansas at this writing. He declares his ulti-matum did the work.

these men, and the various delegations left

ANOTHER BOODLE STORY.

Resubmission Offered to Kansas City Liquor Dealers for the Small Sum of \$5,000.

Topeka, Kas., March 26 .- (Special.) Slowly but surely do the stories concerning at-tempted deals at the recent session of the legislature come to light. To-night another one emerged from seclusion. It is told by a member of the legislature whose veracity cannot be questioned, but for sundry reasons he does not care to have his name used in connection with the publicity of the matter. In effect, the story is that of an attempt

to hold up the wholesale liquor men of Kansas City and other large cities to secure legislation along resubmission lines. As this member tells it, the wires were kept hot the last week of the session between the capital and Kansas City in regard to the matter. The wholesale liquor dealers were offered resubmission, either direct or indirect for \$5,000. The dealers held a conference and decided that it was not worth that much. Then the amount was scaled down to \$2,000. Another conference was held and this offer was refused.

was scaled down to \$2,000. Another conference was held and this offer was refused. The liquor men argued that they were not so desirous for resubmission after all. They had adjusted their business to the present prohibitory law in Kansas, were doing fairly well and were content to let well enough alone. They figured that if a direct or indirect measure pussed to resubmit the liquor question, it would preceded to find the law and as a result, what business to begin the rigid enforcement of the law, and, as a result, what business they now have in the state would be lost, beside all the money they might put into a campaign of that kind.

They say so far as business is concerned the law is practically a dead letter, and that they could not afford to run the risk of bringing about its enforcement. Another argument advanced for not accepting the offer was that should the question be resubmitted and carried, wholesale houses would spring up in almost every city of any size in the state, thus depriving outside houses of a large amount of their present business.

The legislator who gave out this story says that if the wholesale liquor dealers of Kansas. "But," he concluded, "they probably won't."

Burtis, of Garden City, came in this morring, bringing along a boom for Sutton for governor," said Burtis, of Kansas that Mike Sutton is a full-fledged candidate for governor," said Burtis, and he expects to win. We short the submit tell the Republican for come or way, and the west will line up for Sutton to a man."

Republicans Hara at Work.

Topeka, Kas., March 26.—(Special.) Secteday sated that active work was being done all over the state uniting the Republican forces and getting things in shape for the fall election. New clubs were being organized and considerable missionary work was being done among that class of Republicans who went off on the silver craze.

Wanted to Know Who Won.

Boston, March 25.—The steamer Nachoother whole were shipwrecked, stopped his steamer. The men rowed alongside and calmly asked who who wen

SUE THEMSELVES AGAIN.

Another Injunction Against the Stock Yards Company-Attorney General Boyle Included.

Topeka, Kas., March 26 .- (Special.) Francis Lee Higginson, of Boston, another stockholder in the Kansas City Stock Yards Company, filed suit in the federal court to-day against the officers of the company to restrain them from complying with the new Jaquins law and also to en-join Attorney General Boyle from bringing any criminal action under the law. The any criminal action under the law. The sult is similar to the one filed by Charies Cotting, another Boston stockholder, the day the law took effect. Higginson owns 26 shares of stock and claims that the enforcement of the law would impair the value of his stock. Judge Foster granted a temporary restraining order and set the case for hearing on April 2, the date set for the hearing of the Cotting suit.

There is some talk here to-day of the live stock sanitary commission instituting priminal proceedings in Wyandotte councriminal proceedings in Wyandotte county for the violation of the law. While the attorney general is restrained from bringing any action, yet it is claimed by some that there is nothing to prevent other people from attempting to enforce it. While the Jaquins law provides that the attor-ney general shall enforce it, yet it is claimed that the general statutes make it the duty of the county attorney to see that all criminal laws are enforced. At-torney General Boyle is of the opinion that the county attorney count proceed under the county attorney cannot proceed under this law, although he said he had not given the subject careful consideration and might be mistaken.

JOHN MARTIN'S JOB.

C. J. Brown, His Predecessor, Says It Never Paid as Much as Was Generally Belleved.

Topeka, Kas., March 26 .- (Special.) "It a great mistake to suppose that Hon, John Martin has been seriously hurt by the new law, which cuts the remuneration of the clerk of the supreme court to \$2,000 a year," said C. J. Brown, the outgoing clerk, yesterday. "I advised Judge Martin, if he had the choice, to take the proposed salary rather than the fees as they now stand. In addition to the salary, he is allowed \$2,000 a year for clerk hire, which raises the receipts of the office to \$5,000. I doubt if he could secure \$5,000 a year out of fees. People have had a greatly exaggerated idea of the earnings of this office. It used to be worth considerable money, but the establishment of the appellate courts has greatly reduced its revenues. It is the sheerest nonsease to talk about the office being worth \$20,000 or \$10,000 a year." John Martin has been seriously hurt by

COAL OIL INSPECTION.

Or. Wharton and His Three Deputies Meet to Prepare for

Topeka, Kas., March 26.-(Special.) Dr. Wharton, of Yates Center, the newly appointed state coal oil inspector, and his pointed state coal on hispector, and his three deputies held a conference to-day to arrange for bonds and to divide up the work. An amusing feature of the affair was that Dr. Wharton did not know two of the men whom he had appointed at the dictation of the governor. The Journal cor-respondent introduced him to them. Dep-uty Charles Dodson will have charge of respondent introduced him to them. Dep-uty Charles Dodson will have charge of the inspection at Kansas City, and Bauers-feldt will attend to the work in Southeast-ern Kansas, while Effloit will take care of the north central part of the state. The

WILL APPOINT TILLOTSON. Free Silver Sorehend to Represent the Republican Party on the

Text Book Board. Topeka, Kas., March 25-(Special.) Gov-ernor Leedy stated to-day that he would appoint D. C. Tillotson, of Topeka, as said he had not time to investigate the senate journal concerning the action on the McCray appointment, so he could not state whether Tillotson would take McCray's or McDonald's place on the board. The governor displayed considerable nerve in naming Tillotson as a Republican member in compliance with the law. Tillotson out-Pops any Populist Leedy has yet appointed, but is masquerading in the guise of a free silver Republican. When questioned concerning Tillotson's politics, the governor, with a broad smile, said: "Well, you see, there are two kinds of Republicans, regulars and free silver; two kinds of Populists, regular and middle-of-the roads; two kinds of Democrats, regular and goldbugs, and forn kinds of Prohibitionists, but I don't remember their names, Tillotson belongs to one of the Republican parties, and for that eason he will be recognized on the board as one." journal concerning the action on

M'NALL'S NEWEST MOVE.

Threatens to Expel All Old Line Fire Insurance Communies From

State of Kausas. Topeka, Kas., March 26.-Insurance Comdissioner Webb McNrff to-day announced that, under the 1809 Durton anti-trust law of Kansas, he will expel all old line fire inof Karsas, he will expet all old line fire in-surance companies from the state or com-pel them to leave the secret pool, which he claims they maintain by means of be-neg subscribers to Harrison Clarkson's rate book. He claims that he has other evi-dences of a secret pool of rates in the fre-quent summary removal of agents for cut-ting of rates below these of other compa-nies. The Kansas statutes empower the insurance commissiones to refuse compa-nisurance commissiones to refuse compainsurance commissiones to refuse compa-nies licenses if they co not comply with statutes, and this will be his weapon.

HANNA BILL A LAW.

Became Effective on Its Official Publication Yesterday-Other Laws Become Effective.

Topeka, Kas., March 26,-(Special.) The Hanna bill, giving cities of the first, second and third class author by to acquire water and third class authorfy to acquire water works and electric light plants by a vote of the people upon a petition signed by two-fifths of the resident taxpayers, and to compel corporations furnishing such cities light and water to surprider all over 6 per cent on the investment to the cities as rent for streets and benefits of franchises, was published to-day, and is now a law. The law changing the statutes of limitations also became effective co-day. Several local bills became laws of publication to-day, also.

MIKE SU, TON FOR GOVERNOR. Dodge City Statesman a Fullfledged Candidate for the Re-

publican Nomination. Topeka, Kas., March M.-(Special.) Mike Sutton, of Dodge City, and Representative Burtis, of Garden City, came in this morning, bringing along a boom for Sutton for

Altoona, Pa., March 25.—Among the floral emblems which were received by the family of William Painter, who was buried yesterday, was a beautiful wreath from the White House conservatories, a gift from President McKinley. Painter, who was a resident of this city, was crushed against an iron pillar in the Union depot, Pittsburg, by the crowd who were trying to see the president-elect.

Mine Managers Warned.

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Leadville, Col., March 26.—John F. Campion and other prominent mine managers have received letters signed "The Committee," threatening to blow up their mines unless they immediately discharge all non-union workmen. The letters have caused considerable uneasiness, although in some quarters they are believed to have been sent as a practical joke. The managers will pay no heed to the warning.

McKinley Attends a Drill.

Washington, March 26.—President McKin-ley, with the members of his cabinet and the ladies of their families, by invitation of Colonel Summer, commanding the United States forces at Fort Myer, Va., just across the river from Washington, attended an exhibition drill of the cavalry troops quar-tered at that post to-day, and also partook of luncheon with Colonel Sumner.

Stricken With Paralysis. St. Joseph, Mo., March 26.—(Special.) Sec-etary Frank Beach, of the Republican dis-

trict and county central committees, and a well known resident of this city, is suffering from a stroke of paralysis which may prove fatal. When the family grose this morning, the young man was found morning, the young man was found in bed, speechless and paralyzed from

To Help Mark Twain Out of Debt. Columbus, O., March 25.—The Woman's Club, of this city, has inaugurated a movement which is intended to assist Mark Twain to discharge his financial obligations from the sales of the book he is now at work upon. They will ask the co-operation of women's clubs everywhere, each member to pledge herself to purchase one copy.

Cleveland Is Resting. New York, March 26.-Grover Cleveland is

New York, March 25.—Grover Cleveland is enjoying life in his new home in Princeton. He has as yet made no definite plans for the future. He said yesterday: "I have not decided what I shall do. I am simply resting, and have given no special thought to what work I may undertake." Southern Fruit Damaged.

Nashville, Tenn., March 25.—Heavy frosts are reported this morning from all over Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama. Peach, pium and pear trees throughout this region were in full bloom and the probability is that these fruits are killed, entailing large losses. Eckstein Gets a Divorce

Wichlta, Kas., March 26.-(Special.) Otto G Eckstein, a prominent attorney G. Eckstein, a prominent attorney and ex-representative, secured a divorce from his wife to-day. Eckstein and his wife have furnished several newspaper sensations, their matrimonial career having been a tempestuous one.

Meriwether Begins Suit. St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—Lee Meriwether, by his attorneys, instituted mandamus proceedings agaist the election board in the court of appeals at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to compel the board to place the Meriwether (Democratic) ticket on the official ballot

chief inspector will look after the new refinery at Neodesha, and take frequent trips to Wichita and other points.

ARGUES AGAINST PENSION AGENCY CONSOLIDATION.

NOT IN THE LINE OF ECONOMY.

NOT CHEAPER, IN THIS CASE, TO MOVE THAN TO PAY RENT.

Special Reasons Why the Topeka Agency Should Not Be Removed to St. Louis-Strong Letter to Secretary of Interior Bliss.

Washington, March 26 .- (Special.) Representative Curtis, of Kansas, has ad-iressed a letter to the secretary of the interior presenting strong arguments why the Topeka pension agency should not be removed to St. Louis. He shows conclusively that the government will be money out by making the removal, and expresses the hope that Secretary Bliss will revoke the order of his predecessor. He says:

"The first claim is that some \$105,675.37 will be saved in clerk hire, but this cannot be possible. It will take just as many clerks to pay the pensioners now on the rolls at the Topeka agency, after the rolls are taken to St. Louis, as it does now. The truth is, instead of saving \$105.675.37 in clerk hire, it will cost the government at least \$177,000 extra for the rewriting of the different agent roll books, made necessary by the consolidation. That is, all of the 970,000 names of pensioners (except the 104,000 on the rolls of the Columbus agency and the 23,000 on the rolls of the San Francisco agency) must be rewritten and compared. This would cost at least \$177,630, and ther the pension rolls in the office of the auditor the interior department of the United States treasury must be rewritten and compared, which will cost at least \$150,000, making a total of \$327,030.

"Then there is another item of expense which seems to have been overlooked if these agencies are consolidated. At the various agencies, save Columbus and San Francisco, there are \$43,000 pensioners, who are paid four times a year, making 3,372,000 payments in the aggregate per year. A record of all such payments by checks, which have been made during the past twenty-five years, is still on file in the various agencies, in the shape of duplicate receipts check stubs and orders of pension bureau to inscribe the names of pensioners on the rolls of the agencies, amounting in the aggregate to many millions of documents All of these papers must be taken from the musty files, packed in proper order and transferred to their new destination, there to be unpacked and refiled. The same is true of blank vouchers and envelopes. The expense of transporting roll books, old files, agency supplies, old furniture, and the purchase of new furniture and 346 new roll books will cost not less than \$30,000.

"They promise to save \$9,550 in rent. 1 do not believe there is room in the public building at St. Louis to accommodate the business of the Des Moines and Topeka agencies, and more room would be needed The government pays \$10,000 a year rent for the New York agency. To consolidate Buffalo would necessitate the renting of addi-tional rooms in New York. To take the Knoxville and Louisville agencies out of the public buildings and consolidate them with the Washington agency, which is now in a rented building, would require more than double the amount of room now ocfor buildings at Washington and New York would more than offset the promised savogs in rentals at Buffalo Detroit Milwan kee and Topeka. But, instead of saving \$161,407.99, as is promised in the order, you will find, upon careful computation, that there is an extra expense of over \$357,600. If you deduct \$26,000 salaries of the nine pen sion agents you will have a net expense of over \$321,000 if you carry out the order. It would be a great injustice to the old soldiers of the country to carry out this order, for it will cause delay in sending out their checks and there will be no end of

complaint. "There is another thing which I hope you will not overlook, and that is that there is not a dollar appropriated which can properly be used to carry out this or

"There are other reasons why the Tope ka, Kas., agency should not be removed. First, it is, taking all things into consideration, centrally located, and the pensioners are better accommodated by the office be are better accommodated by the omce be-ing located at Topeka than they could be from the office being located at St. Louis. Second, Kansas is the great soldier state of this Union. She furnished more men to defend the flag from 1861 to 1865, according to her population, than any other state, and she ranks seventh in soldier popula-tion."

BITTINGER OUT OF IT.

Says That Under No Circumstances Would He Accept the St. Joseph Postoffice.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 26.-(Special.) Urder no circumstances would I accept he St. Joseph postoffice. These were the emphatic words uttered

by Major John L. Bittinger this afternoon when told that the report had come from place now held by Frank M. Atkinson. comstances under which I could be duced to take the St. Joseph postoffic were it tendered me. I have indorsed Mr Atkinson, and I am for him first, last and all the time, because he was first to ask my indorsement. I know there are plenty of other good men in St. Joseph who would like the place, and had I been first asked to indorse one of them I should not have to indorse one of them I should not have hesitated to do so. However, when I say I am for a man, I am for him all the time. I rise or fall with my friends."

Washington, March 25.—(Special.) There were no new developments in regard to the St. Joseph postoffice to-day. Almost all the Missouri newspaper correspondents, regardless of politics, met this morning to the Missouri newspaper correspondents, re-gardless of politics, met this morning to visit the White House for the purpose of testifying to the high standing of Major Bittinger, but were prevented from seeing the president because it was cabinet day. Information was recived that Major Bit-tinger is on his way to Washington and his arrival is expected Sunday morning. He will have an interview with the president Merday.

OFFENSIVE PARTISANSHIP. Will Not Be Considered Cause for Re moval Unless It Has Inter-

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fered With Duty. Washington, March 26.-Another facto in the policy of the postoffice department was announced to-day by First Assistant Postmaster General Heath. It is that offensive partisanship will not be considered provocation for removal unless such action provocation for removal unless such action is shown to have been detrimental to the administration of the postal service. Fully a half dozen of such charges were made to Acting Postmaster General Heath today, including the offices at Hastings, Neb., where Senator Thurston made complaint, and at Ashlahd, lif. Every case, however, lacked the essential requirement of specification of damage to the service. This policy, when announced by Colonel Heath, created some surprise among those who had pushed their charges. The same policy was carried out by the last administration.

general civil service examination held here to-day.

OKLAHOMA PLACES FILLED.

Three "Original McKinley Men" Appointed to Good Land Office Positions.

Washington, March 26.-(Special.) Three of the Oklahoma land office places were filled by the president to-day. The names sent to the senate were those Kelly for receiver, and Henry D. McKnight for register, of the Mangum land office Anton H. Classen's name also was sent in for receiver at the Oklahoma City office to fill the existing vacancy caused by a removal. The Mangum appointments are new ones, made possible by the passage of the Flynn bill annexing Greer county to Oklahoma and creating a new land office. McKnight and Classen, two of the appointees, are in Washington at present. One of the appointments is credited to the personal pull of Cy Leland, of Kansas. Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—(Special.) announcement here this evening of the apprintment of H. D. McKnight, of Perry; James Kelly, of El Reno, and A. H. Classon, of Edmond, to land office places at Mangum and Oklahoma City, created con-siderable excitement and comment, as they were the first Oklahoma appointments made. All three of these appointees are original McKinley men and the rest of the original McKinley crowd are jubilant. At the Barnes headquarters, there was great rejoicing and a positive conviction that the recognition of these men meant the appointment of Barnes as governor within a few days. The Flynn men say that

these appointments have no significance whatever in the governorship contest, as the appointments were local and were given to the men bearing the strongest local indorsements, and that the governorship will go to Delegate Flynn for the A Fort Leavenworth Change. Washington, March 26,-Captain A. M.

Palmer, assistant quartermaster, has been ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kas., relieving Captain F. Hodgeson, assistant quar-termaster, and taking charge of the construction of public buildings there. Captain Hodgeson is ordered to Plattsburg, N. Y. Kansans in Washington.

Washington, March 26,-(Special.) W. E.

Brown, of Augusta, Kas., and E. T. Beaks, of Lawrence, Kas., are in the city. The former has just returned from a visit to South America. State Senator Wilcockson, of Kansas, left for home to-day. Judge Theodosius Botkin, of Hutchinson, Kas., arrived to-day.

The Emporia Postoffice. Washington, March 26.—(Special.) The Kansas delegation expect the president to send the nomination for the Emporia post-office to the senate on Monday or Tues-

LOOKS LIKE NO ELECTION. Kentucky Senatorial Contest Scem ingly Further From Settle-

ment Than Ever Before. Frankfort, Ky., March 26.-It is thought that Hunter's strength is drifting away from him. But for the wonderful fight he is making and the unprecedented backing he evidently has, he would already be to the point of withdrawing. Another ballot was taken in the legislature to-day, without change from yesterday's ballot. Dr. Hunter is still locking two votes of election. Three more of his own party openly an-Three more of his own party openly announce to-night that they will join the present six Kepublican bolters on Monday. He has never been able to add any to the three recruits from the enemy he had at the start. Meanwhile, he has followers who claim that not even the national administration can turn them from him to another nominee, and for this reason the Blackburn minority begins to hope for the thing they desire most of all, viz.: No election, and to that extent the chance for the Bradley coalition to go through is suffering. It is plain that but one remote possi-Bradley coalition to go through is suffering. It is plain that but one remote possibility can now force any election at all.

The state is suffering dreadfully for financial and other legislation. No legislation can be effected till the senatorial struggle is settled. The state central committee to-night adopted the following resolutions, in a final effort to bring and keep the bolters in line:

"Whereas, The great victory won by the patriotic people of Kentucky, as well as of the United States, last fall, is about to be thwarted by the failure of the general assembly of Kentucky to elect a United States senator, who is so much needed in the senate of the United States to aid in the passage of such legislation as will

the passage of such legislation as will bring peace, happiness and prosperity to the entire country; therefore, "Resolved, That this committee appeal to every Republican member of the leg-

to every Republican member of the legislature to support their regular caucus nominee, Hon. W. Godfrey Hunter, for United States senator.

"Disloyalty, at this critical moment of the nation, to our party, deserves the severest condemnation, and, in the name of the 218,000 loyal Republicans of this state, we appeal to the Republican newspapers, as well as to every Republican in the state, to earnestly insist that every Republican member of the general assembly support Dr. Hunter.

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"By order of the Republican state central committee of Kentucky."

Charges and countercharges of bribery and corruption are flying thick and fast. The Blackburn men have a score of detectives at work who do nothing but follow the Hunter workers about and endeavor to get evidence against them along the line of bribery. It is said that they have much material which will probably be submitted to a committee which will undoubtedly be appointed to look into the charges.

charges. Pop Ticket Ruled Out.

Chicago. March 25.—The election board to-day decided that the People's party in this city is not a party under the law, and refused to allow the nominees of the party's conventions to go on the official ballot. The People's party indorsed in convention the regular Democratic candidates for the city and town offices.

Iowa's New Medical Law. Des Moines, Ia., March 26.—The house to-day passed the senate medical practice act without change, driving out osteopaths, faith healers, massage doctors and all oth-ers professing to heal, unless they pass ex-amination the same as physicians. Itin-erants are taxed \$250 per year.

KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL ORATORS. Miss Emilie P. King Carries Off the Honors at the Annual

Contest.

Topeka, Kas., March 26 .- (Special.) The

second annual contest of the Kansas State High School Oratorical Association was held in this city to-night. The schools contesting were Topeka, Ottawa, Wamego, Lawrence, and Kansas City. Ottawa sent the largest delegation, seventy-five pupils coming. Lawrence sent about fifty, and about thirty came from Wamego, while about fifteen came up from Kansas City. The judges were: Thought and composi-tion, Professor Herrick, Washburn college tion, Professor Herrick, Washburn college,
Topeka, and Professor Benton, Baker university, Baldwin. Delivery, Professor
Butcher, Olathe: Professor Diche, Horton,
and State Superintendent Stryker.

The following orations were delivered:
"Our Heroes," Miss Lydia Relgen, Kansas
City: "Since the Shackles Were Removed,"
George O. Foster, Lawrence: "The Wilmot
Proviso." Miss Emilie P. King, Topeka;
"The Kingly American." Miss Carrie B.
Sheldon, Ottawa: "America's Mission
Among Nations," H. F. Parsons, Wamego,
Miss King, of Topeka, won the contest,
with George O. Foster, of Lawrence, second; H. F. Parsons, of Wamego, third;
Miss Sheldon, of Ottawa, fourth, and Miss
Relgen, of Kansas City, last.

No Work, No Pay.

Heath, created some surprise among those who had pushed their charges. The same policy was carried out by the last administration.

Many Seeking for Positions.

Topeka, Kas., March 26.—(Special.) Over 199 applicants for federal positions took the

LOVE FINDS A WAY.

A ROMANCE OF THE SEA, WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED ENDING.

COURTSHIP ON SHIPBOARD.

BUXOM GERMAN MAID AND GOTHAM BUTCHER THE PRINCIPALS.

Her Cousins From Kansas City Protest Against a Wedding, but Their Protests and a Cleverly Planned Comp Come to Naught.

New York, March 26 .- (Special.) Not fire at sea, nor shricking gales, nor icebergs, nor cousins from Kansas City, Mo., could sever two fond hearts that beat as one on the bounding main. In spite of all oppo-sition, the rude rebuffs of the elements and the well meant interference of the Kansas City cousins, Miss Margaret Hut-man and Henry G. Tatge are now man and

wife, and all is peace and happiness.

The romance opens on board the German steamer H. H. Meier, which reached this port on Thursday, after all kinds of trouble at sea, including fire. When the ship left Bremen, Miss Hutman, a buxon maid of 22 years, was among the passengers. So was Mr. Tatge, a prosperous butcher of this city, who had been visiting kinsfolk in Germany. The girl was accompanied by the brothers Kragge, her cousins from Kansas City. They, too, had been visiting in the fatherland, and induced Miss Hut-

man to make a return visit. All being cabin passengers, Margaret and Mr. Tatge soon met. They fell in love, vio-lently and irrevocably, although the Kan-sas City cousins never noticed the symptoms. While the Kragge brothers strolled the deck, watching the steamer dodge icebergs and battle with fire in the forward hold, the lovers lingered in the cabin and vowed eternal constancy. Even when the ship put back in distress, the couple never told their love to others.

Shortly before reaching New York, Miss Hutman informed her cousins that she had changed her mind about going to Kansas City. She would stop in New York, she said, and marry Mr. Tatge. The Kragges said "No." Rather than allow the ceremony to take place they would cross the sea again with the girl and leave her with her mother. This threat did not influence Miss Hutman in the least. Tatge insisted on the marriage, explaining that he was worth \$10,000 and would make a model husband. He gave the girl 1,000 marks and told her to prepare for the event, which would take place in two weeks.

Then the Kansas City cousins executed coup. They called on Assistant Emigration Commissioner McSweeney, and had their relative detained at Ellis island, with the intention of sending her back to Germany. She was kept on the island over Thursday night. Yesterday Tatge interviewed McSweeney. The butcher proved that he had been a citizen of the United States for thirteen years; that the girl was of age, and that if she were prevented from landing, he would follow her to Germany, obtain parental consent, and marry her anyhow. This ultimatum secured the release of Mr. Tatge's sweetheart. The Kansas City cousins relented and were forgiven, and Pastor Schneider, of No. 198 cond avenue, performed the ceremony yesterday afternoon.

YALE DOWNS HARVARD.

Sons of Old Ell Get the Decision in Last Night's Joint De-

bate. Cambridge, Mass., March 26.-The picked orators of Yale defeated those of Harvard in joint debate to-night. The contest was a very close one. At the end of the argu-ments, the judges withdrew and after staying out twenty minutes reported that, al-though it had been very hard to decide which should be proclaimed the victor, they had decided, after serious deliberation, to award it to Yale. The question was: "Re solved, That the United States should adopt definitely the single gold standard, even i Great Britain, France and Germany should be willing to enter a Bimetallic League." Harvard upheld the affirmative. speakers, in this order, were: C. S. McFar-land, Yale: Dorr, Harvard; Clark, Yale; Debyas, Harvard; Studinski, Yale.

GRANT MONUMENT DEDICATION. President McKinley to Take Part-

Governor Roger Wolcott presided. The

judges were Professor Davis, R. Dewey, of Technologic; Professor Franklin H. Gid-dings, of Columbia, and Judge E. A. Ald-rich, of the United States circuit court.

Parade to Include All the New York Militia. New York, March 28.-President McKinley will attend the ceremonies at the dedi-cation of the monument to General Grant, on April 27. He will review the parade and will also deliver an address. General Horace Porter, who has just returned from Washington, where he had an interview with the president, made the announce-ment to-night.

Admiral Bunce, commanding the North

Admiral Bunce, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, states that all the avail-able ships of the naval force under his direction will take part in the celebration. Major General Greenville M. Dodge, grand marshal of the parade, has appoint-ed Major General Wesley Merritt, Major General O. O. Howard and Colonel Charles F. Homer chief marshals of the three di-visions.

visions.

The entire National Guard of the state of New York, 13,000 men, will be ordered to take part in the parade, and nearly 12,000 men are expected to turn out. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery, of Boston, will be in line. So far, ten governors have accepted the invitation to be present, and the only gubernatorial letter of regret received is from Governor J. F. Johnson, of Alabama.

SMALL MERCHANTS LOSE.

Fail in Their Attempt to Secure the Enactment of an Anti-Department Store Law.

Springfield, Ill., March 26.-To all appearances the anti-department store bill is dead. There is little hope of its passage deac. There is little hope of its passage through the house. President Gilmann and the other remaining members of the Chicago Business Men's Association, who came here last Tuesday to lobby for the passage of the measure, left to-day, saying they would not return. President Gilmann said the welfare of the measure might be entrusted to the members of the house, but it was evident he and his associates were disappointed. The conviction seems to be growing upon them that the corriction seems to be growing upon them that the corriction seems to be growing upon them that were purely political.

There has always been in the house a strong undercurrent against the legislation sought that is beginning to become more and more manifest. The political advantage to be gained from the pussage of the bill is almost entirely dissipated by reason of the fact that both party organizations in Chicago are committed to it, and each has been trying to outdo the other in maneuvering for the support of the small dealers. through the house. President Gilmann

Eighty-six Divorce Cases.

Wichita, Kas., March 25.—(Special.) Next Tuesday is divorce day in the district court, and eighty-six cases are on the docket for disposition. This is an unpre-cedented number for a single court term.